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### Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Decision on Request, mailed April 11, 2006 transmitted herewith, Applicant hereby submits the Written Consent of Assignee to Add Inventor Zhouran HUANG to the above referenced application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Michael D. Schumann (Reg. No. 30,422), at (612)455.3803.

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DIAGNOSIS APPARATUS THEREOF

## WRITTEN CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO ADD INVENTOR ZHOURAN HUANG

I, a representative of SHANGHAI SHENGBIO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD., declare that Zhouran HUANG is a joint inventor of the following U.S. National Stage PCT application: A LASER-INDUCED FLUORESCENCE METHOD FOR PRECANCEROUS LESION DIAGNOSIS AND AN ENDOSCOPE PRECANCEROUS LESION DIAGNOSIS APPARATUS THEREOF, Serial No. 10/533,623, filed April 29, 2005.

Zhouran HUANG is an inventor of at least some of the claimed subject matter in International PCT Application, PCT/CN2003/000917 and in the above referenced U.S. National Stage application. He was omitted as an inventor in the PCT application in error. I state the error in inventorship in the international application occurred without deceptive intention on SHANGHAI SHENGBIO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.'s part.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signature

Zhouran Huang

Printed Name of:

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Attorney Docket No.: 09548.1000USWO
For: A OPTICAL BIOPSY METHOD FOR
PRECANCEROUS LESION DIAGNOSIS AND
AN ENDOSCOPE APPARATUS THEREOF

**DECISION ON REQUEST** 

UNDER 37 CFR 1.497(d)

This is a decision on applicants' "Submission of Missing Requirements", filed on 20 January 2006 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Petitioner seeks to add Zhouran Huang as inventor in the above referenced application. The requisite \$130 petition fee was paid. The petition is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d).

#### **BACKGROUND**

On 29 April 2005, applicant filed a Transmittal Letter requesting entry into the national stage in the United States of America under 35 U.S.C. § 371 with, inter alia, the requisite basic national fee.

On 07 December 2005, a Notification of Missing Requirements was mailed indicating that an oath or declaration, in compliance 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date, was required.

On 20 January 2006, applicant filed a request to correct the inventorship, to add Zhouran Huang as an inventor. In addition to the \$130 petition fee, Petitioner provided the statement of Zhouran Huang in support of the correction of inventorship under 37 CFR 1.497(d) and a declaration executed by the joint inventors along with the \$65 surcharge for filing the declaration after the thirty month period.

### **DISCUSSION**

Where the oath or declaration filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) and 37 CFR 1.497(d) names an inventive entity different from the inventive entity set forth in the international application, the oath or declaration must be accompanied by: (1) a statement from each person being added as an inventor that any error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part; (2) the fee set forth in § 1.17(i); and (3) if an assignment has been executed by any of the original named inventors, the written consent of the assignee(s).

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Applicants provided a statement, signed by Zhouran Huang, stating that "I was omitted as an inventor in the PCT application in error. I state the error in inventorship in the international application occurred without deceptive intent on my part". This statement satisfies item (1) of 37 CFR 1.497(d).

The processing fee of \$130.00 has been paid, satisfying Item (2) above.

With regard to Item (3), a review of the application file reveals that an assignment of assignors interest was filed with the USPTO on 17 January 2006. However, applicant has not provided a Written Consent of Shanghai Shengbio Science and Technology Co., Ltd. (assignee) to correct the inventorship under 37 CFR 1.497(d)(3) consenting to the addition of Zhouran Huang as an inventor in this application. Item (3) above has not yet been satisfied.

Accordingly, applicant has not met all of the requirements to add Zhouran Huang as co-inventor in the above-identified international application.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons discussed above, the submission under 37 CFR 1.497(d) to add Zhouran Huang as co-inventor is hereby <u>DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE</u>.

The application will be held in the PCT Legal Office to await applicant's further reply.

Any reconsideration on the merits of the petition under 37 CFR §1.497(d) must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR §1.497(d)." No petition fee is required. Any further extensions of time available may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

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